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**Subject:** Belated Comment Re: Feds won't manage Bethpage toxic waste site, Originally published: September 13, 2012 9:22 PM Updated: September 13, 2011 By EMILY C. DOOLEY  
**Attachments:** King & RCRA-7\_31\_12 & 7\_26\_00.pdf

Governor Cuomo c/o Scott Martella: The belated comment below is based on new information of RCRA/CERCLA violations that Congressman King didn't seem to know about when he wrote the attached letter. Nor did your spokesperson, according to the following passage:

- ***Massapequa Water District Commissioner John Caruso said. "There is no avenue, other than having a master on this job." Caruso said he's asked Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo to overrule the DEC's plan. "Is he going to be the governor who has Great South Bay turned into a polluted part of Grumman?" he said. Cuomo's office referred questions to DEC. A final cleanup plan should be released by year's end, DEC spokeswoman Lisa King said in a statement.***

For your edification, the attachment includes Timothy Fields' 2006 Memo "**Headquarters Consultation for Radioactively Contaminated Sites**". See also BNL & CDC/ATSDR reports linked to <http://www.gfxtechnology.com/BNL.html>.

I hope you and those copied will do the right thing.

Yours truly,

Dr. Carmine F. Vasile

**COMMENT**

Curious story; the EPA declines to manage RCRA sites it already mismanages. It seems no one bothered to visit the EPA RCRA websites for two Long Island RCRA sites mismanaged for decades:

(1) Northrop Grumman Corporation (a/k/a NWIRP - Bethpage, Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation), 830 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, New York 11714 -- with the following information: EPA Identification Number: NYD002047967, EPA Contact: Carol Stein, (212) 637-4181, Environmental Indicator Status: Human Exposures Under Control: No status has been recorded. Groundwater Contamination Under Control: No status has been recorded.

(2) Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (a/k/a Northrop Grumman, Grumman Aerospace), Grumman Boulevard, Calverton, New York; EPA Identification Number: NYD002047967, EPA Contact Ellen Stein, (212) 637-4114.

Contrary to Deputy Regional Administrator George Pavlou, there is no Comprehensive State Ground Water Protection Program (CSGWPP) endorsed by EPA with provisions for site-specific decisions. Nor are there test results for radioactive contamination for the Calverton site that is within BNL's near-in radioactive fallout zone, according to "RADIOLOGICAL EMISSIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING FOR BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY, 1947 -1961", subsequent reports, and its July 6, 2011 Health Assessment -- in total disregard of human health and the fact that the EPA issued guidance concerning ground water use determinations in a memo from the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Assistant Administrator to the Regions entitled "*The Role of CSGWPPs in EPA Remediation Programs*" (OSWER Directive 9283.1-09), April 4, 1997. A subsequent memo identifies 179 radionuclides found in and around BNL and identified in its Attachment B: "List of Radionuclides addressed by 4 mrem/yr man-made beta particles and photon emitters MCL standard." The EPA & DEC also ignore this 4 mrem/yr ionizing-radiation standard even though they know such DNA-damaging radiation is a leading cause of cancer on Long Island!

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Additionally, the October 2011 "**PROPOSED PLAN, Southern Area Groundwater Plume, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Calverton, Calverton, New York**" @ [http://nfec1.org/web/wp-](http://nfec1.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/NavyEPCAL.pdf)

[content/uploads/2011/11/NavyEPCAL.pdf](http://nfec1.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/NavyEPCAL.pdf) could not have been endorsed by the EPA because there are no tests for uranium and other radionuclides found in the Peconic River watershed and documented in BNL Health Assessment, for

example in Table SD1, which covers the Peconic River, Recharge Basins, Wetlands, and Agricultural Fields. Each time BNL managers set forest fires, and during wildfires, Cs-137 stored in vegetation spreads across the Calverton NWIRP, yet there is no mention of Cs-137 contamination, either.

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**Feds won't manage Bethpage toxic waste site**, Originally published: September 13, 2012 9:22 PM

Updated: September 13, 2012 9:52 PM, By EMILY C. DOOLEY [emily.dooley@newsday.com](mailto:emily.dooley@newsday.com)

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The Environmental Protection Agency will not take over management of a toxic waste site in Bethpage, despite a request from Rep. Peter King.

The Seaford Republican last month asked EPA officials to appoint a federal master to speed up efforts to clean a plume of chemical waste moving in groundwater under Bethpage Community Park, which for years had been a Grumman Aerospace Corp. dumping site.

Federal officials said this week that appointing a federal master to mediate differences among entities involved in the cleanup isn't necessary because the agency already is working with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the Navy, Northrop Grumman and water districts. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) had requested EPA's involvement in 2010.

"We are involved and will continue to be involved," EPA Deputy Regional Administrator George Pavlou said.

In a statement, King said he was disappointed in the decision and would discuss "what additional steps need to be taken."

He had sought the agency's assistance because "an EPA master would cut through the red tape and ensure that a containment plan is enacted expeditiously," King wrote in his request.

His letter was in response to the DEC's \$61.5 million proposal to excavate soil and install at least one treatment well to contain 90 percent of the park plume, including a "hot spot" of high contamination. Water districts and some elected officials oppose the plan, saying it would allow contaminants to get into public water supplies, which would then have to be treated.

The park plume is one of two in the area that have combined. The merged plume has reached wells in the Bethpage Water District and threatens supplies of more than 250,000 residents.

EPA supports the plan to treat the hot spot but said more work is needed to address overall contamination. "This plan was not meant to deal with the entire plume but only a small fraction of contamination in that area," Pavlou said. The water districts prefer installing treatment wells near the Southern State Parkway to remove toxins before the water gets to public wells.

"Where do we go from here?" Massapequa Water District Commissioner John Caruso said. "There is no avenue, other than having a master on this job." Caruso said he's asked Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo to overrule the DEC's plan. "Is he going to be the governor who has Great South Bay turned into a polluted part of Grumman?" he said.


Cuomo's office referred questions to DEC. A final cleanup plan should be released by year's end, DEC spokeswoman Lisa King said in a statement.

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#### **Northrop Grumman Corporation**

**Other (Former) Names of Site:** NWIRP - Bethpage, Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation

From: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/waste/fsgrumm.htm>

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#### **Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant**

**Other (Former) Names of Site:** Northrop Grumman, Grumman Aerospace

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